

3 DECEMBER 2021: TRURO SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES



We experienced a musical treat on Monday morning in the Lovett Assembly Hall when Truro Cathedral's boy choristers came and sang for us. It was such a lovely session because we all learnt about the life of a chorister, the structure of their day and some of the highlights of their performances. We were able to hear them practise for a few minutes and then they sang a John Rutter piece for us: For the Beauty of the Earth.

At the end of the session, children were able to ask questions about being a chorister; Mr Gray led the session and enthused us with his passion for choral singing. Please have a look at some of the following clips that you can find online to find out a little more about some of the chorister projects. They have started their very busy Christmas season with services in the Cathedral, including the Advent Service last Sunday.

Life in Chorus >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRyzQW7hYME&t=142s>

Gee Seven >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2fUdLvSa3k&t=165s>

Lockdown: A Million Dreams >

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1hu1yBtxa0&t=55s>

If you or your child would like to find out more about becoming a chorister, there is a 'Chorister Experience Day' on January 22nd in the Cathedral. You can find out more here: <https://www.trurocathedral.org.uk/news/chorister-experience-day>

This week has also included our first Christmas events: The Year 5 play, Ebenezer, took place yesterday in the assembly hall and all the Pre-Prep children visited the Hall for Cornwall to watch Cinderella in action. We look forward to seeing many of you next week, either at the Pre-Prep nativity plays or at Truro Methodist Church for our Prep Christmas Service. A huge thank you to Mrs McIntosh and her team for the fabulous decorations all around the site.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,
Sarah Patterson

Dates for the diary

MONDAY 6 DECEMBER

- Nursery Refreshments in Pre-Prep hall 9.20am
- Nursery Christmas Play 9.30pm
- Year 6 'Youth Speaks' auditions via teams (for pupils currently not in school) 1pm
- Reception Christmas Play 2.15pm
- Refreshments in dining hall 3pm
- U11A & B football v St Agnes 3.40pm
- CANCELLED after school club: senior rugby (due to fixture)

TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER

- No Supper Club today due to Christmas Concert
- Year 5 Artist Workshop (selected Year 5 pupils) all day
- Year 3 & 4 house cross country 2.30pm (parents welcome from 2.15pm onwards)
- CANCELLED after school club: ballet (due to Christmas Concert)
- Pupils to arrive for Christmas Concert 6.30pm
- Year 3-6 Christmas Concert at Truro Methodist Church 7pm-8pm

WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER

- Year 6 'Youth Speaks' in school auditions (T2 classroom) 1pm-1.30pm
- Year 5 & 6 house cross country 2.30pm (parents welcome from 2.15pm onwards)
- FTS AGM 6pm, via Teams

THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER

- Year 6 'Youth Speaks' in school auditions (T2 classroom) 1pm-1.30pm
- 6AG swimming at Truro School Pool 1.30pm-3.30pm
- Year 1 Christmas Play 2.15pm
- Refreshments in dining hall 3pm

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER

- Year 2 Christmas Play 2.15pm

Notices

1. Charity begins at home...

A huge thank you to children and families for all your support towards our charity ventures this term. Together you have mounted up the following:

- 342kg of food items at harvest
- £309.10 to the Air ambulance
- £397.44 for the poppy appeal
- £769.66 for Children in Need

We have heard from each of the charities expressing their thanks and appreciation and we, as a school, extend our thanks for your ongoing support too.

2. Christmas Cards

Children in the Prep School are invited to share Christmas cards with each other. We have a central post box at the front of school outside the main office. The cards will then be sorted and handed out towards the end of term. Please ensure that full names, including surnames, are written on the envelopes as well as the form that the child is in. Last posting day will be Monday 13th December.

3. Reverse Advent Calendar

With the 'Season of Goodwill' nearly upon us, Truro Prep and Pre-Prep would like to invite you to join with them in supporting Truro Foodbank.

Below is a list of items that will be revealed in the Advent Calendar. Please do not worry if you do not have the specific item listed, or if you cannot contribute every day. The Foodbank is most grateful for any donations.

We have already started gathering items. Others can be left in the prepared boxes at the top of the staircase in the Prep or in the entrance area in the Pre-Prep.

Items suggested on weekend days or after the school term has finished may be brought into school at any time. Many thanks, in advance, for your generosity, help and support in making this successful.

1 st Dec: Coffee	2 nd Dec: Tinned Meat pie	3 rd Dec: Tinned Rice Pudding	4 th Dec: Tinned veg	5 th Dec: Tinned Fruit
6 th Dec: Smash Potato	7 th Dec: UHT Fruit Juice	8 th Dec: Cereal	9 th Dec: Biscuits	10 th Dec: UHT Milk
11 th Dec: Tinned Soup	12 th Dec: Tinned Tomatoes	13 th Dec: Tinned Fish	14 th Dec: Pasta Sauce	15 th Dec: Pasta Sauce
16 th Dec: Rice	17 th Dec: Baked Beans	18 th Dec: Pasta	19 th Dec: Toiletries	20 th Dec: Toiletries
21 st Dec: Tinned puddings	22 nd Dec: Tinned Veg	23 rd Dec: Tinned Fruit	24 th Dec: UHT Juice	

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4. K9 Crusaders

In addition to our Foodbank giving, Jo in our kitchen is coordinating a collection for our canine friends this Christmas.

If you would like to donate to this please contribute gifts to the box in the foyer at the front of school. See the poster below for ideas.

Jo will take care of dropping off to the collection point. Thanks, Jo.



REG NO 1138278

SHOEBOX APPEAL

FILL A BOX FOR A HOMELESS DOG THIS XMAS



IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3....

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FILL A BOX WITH YUMMY TREATS, TOYS, FOOD AND FLEECY BLANKETS

SOME POPULAR CHOICES INCLUDE - GRAIN FREE TRAYS (E.G. HARRINGTONS) NATURAL TREATS, GRAVY BONES, PETS AT HOME MIX N MATCH BISCUITS, PIZZLES, FURRY RABBIT EARS, KONGS, TENNIS BALLS, RAGGER TUGGY TOYS, ETC
(PLEASE NO PIGS EARS OR RAWHIDE AS THESE CAN BE A CHOKING HAZARD)
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DROP INTO ONE OF OUR COLLECTION POINTS

OUR KENNELS - HOLLYBUSH FARM, BISSOE (SEE WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS)
OUR SHOP - 33 UPPER FORE ST, REDRUTH (AFTER 2ND DECEMBER)
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FEEL GREAT ABOUT MAKING A DOG'S XMAS A SPECIAL ONE

Thank You So Much xxx

FOR MORE INFO VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.K9CRUSADERS.DOG

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Year 5 Play: Ebenezer

A huge thank you to Annabel Gregory, the Year 5 pupils and everyone involved in yesterday's fabulous performance of Ebenezer. Based on the novel A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, Ebenezer is a musical adaptation by Malcolm Sircom.

The story of the mean-spirited miser, Ebenezer Scrooge, who is visited by the ghost of his former business partner and then by three spirits who reveal to him his own Christmases, past, present and future, is one that makes us all stop, think, but, most importantly, puts us firmly in the Christmas spirit.

View more photos at > <https://www.truroschoo.com/latest-news/year-5-play-ebenezer/>





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Christmas Tree Creativity in Nursery



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Nursery!

The children were very excited to celebrate the start of December by decorating their class tree. They enjoyed choosing their favourite baubles and tinsel. After all the decorations had been placed on the tree, it was time for the big light switch on!

The tree looked wonderful and showed how much creativity and thought the children had put into the decorating.

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Pre-Prep Victorian Day



Our Pre-Prep took a step back in time today, learning all about Victorians. Our historians arrived dressed in Victorian attire and began the day posing for some photographs with their best solemn faces to mimic the look of 19th-century portraits. However, it wasn't long before everyone was smiling with the excitement of the Victorian day!

The children spent the rest of the day doing a range of Victorian-inspired activities, from making gingerbread and sandwiches to centuries-old party games.



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Colourful Winter Scenes

Thank you to Colin, our Senior Groundsman, for sending us these pictures of the colourful Prep Grounds.



Pre-Prep



The following pupils have been awarded with a Golden Book Certificate

Zola	Bert	Danny	

Head's Commendations

William Sp 3LL for English: for your fantastic 'Fireworks' poem. You have used excellent verbs and similes to create a wonderfully descriptive poem about the sounds and appearance of fireworks in the night sky. I particularly like your lines describing the firework 'climbing the night sky illuminating it with colour, it's like a dragon's sneeze.' Wonderful work!

Will 5CD for Humanities: for a well presented information poster about 'Trees of the Amazon'.

Finley 5CD for Humanities: for an imaginative survival guide.

Violet 5CD for Humanities: for making a detailed 'Jungle Journal' full of information about animals and survival tips.

George R 5JL for Humanities: for a beautifully presented and detailed rainforest survival handbook.

Scarlett 5JL for Humanities: for creating an imaginative and beautiful hanging display of nature photos.

House Point Form Champions

Woody & Arthur 3LL
 Alex & Ellie 3SM
 Jensen 4ME
 Sophie & Ayden 4SC
 Harry R 5CD
 Stanley 5JL
 Isobel & Elliot 5SL
 Maya 6AG
 Jemima 6DG
 Eli 6LJ

Head's Commendations

Reuben 5SL for English: for a beautifully composed and proof-read letter in a bottle - written from the point of view of Michael, who is the main character in 'Kensuke's kingdom' by Morpurgo. A great effort, Reuben!

Hugh 5SL for Science: for a fantastic model coin sorter.

Amelia 5SL for Science: for making a highly original and successful coin sorter as part of the Separating Mixtures studies in Science.

Isobel 5SL for Science: for a fantastic model coin sorter.

Thomas 6AG for English: 'Balanced Forms in Gunmetal on Cornish Granite' by Marlow Moss. Thomas's response to this piece of artwork (in the Tate Gallery, St. Ives) was superbly crafted using powerful imagery and an array of poetic devices. Having written it on the computer he then proceeded to also produce a handwritten version – excellent effort!

Millie 6AG for English: This term, Millie has been unfaltering in her efforts to produce of her absolute best in English, culminating in a beautifully composed response to her favourite piece of artwork from our trip – to be found in Barbara Hepworth's garden. Amongst other things, she described it as 'mesmerising' and 'towering above me' – many of you will be able to picture it!

Oscar 6DG for English: for a well-composed piece of incidental writing about a St. Ives painting. You have stepped into the picture and produced some evocative description and original ideas. I loved this, Oscar.

Daisy 6LJ for English: for a well organised poem about the painting 'The discovery of Alfred Wallis.' Your different stanzas work brilliantly and the descriptive detail is highly effective. Well done, Daisy!

Monty 6LJ for Science: for a well-planned working model of the lungs with a video.

Merit Awards



Bronze Merit Awards

5CD: Will, Arthur, Otilie, Harry R, Dexter

5SL: Henry M

6DG: George



Silver Merit Awards

3LL: Rupert, William Sp, Dylan, Arthur, Fitzwilliam

6DG: Ben



Gold Merit Awards

3SM: Florence, Ellie



Platinum Merit Awards

3LL: Daniel

3 x 5
4 x 6
2 x 8
7 x 2

Times Table Challenge Certificates

- 3LL:** Emmie, Woody, Henry, Rupert, Dylan, Fitzwilliam
3SM: Florence, Charlie, Emmeline, Alex, Roen, Freddie, Isaac, George
4ME: Conrad, Jacob, Delilah, Isaac, George, Jakub, Charlie
4SC: Jenson, Shiloh, Maya, Ben, Daneil
5CD: Harris
5JL: Hunter, Olivia
5SL: Sarah, Georgia, Ethan, Amelia, Arthur
6AG: Maya, Lowen, Jack
6DG: Millie, Dan, Reggie, George, Barney, William S, Fredric
6LJ: Louis, Perran



ROTARY
YOUTH SPEAKS
COMPETITION



GOOD LUCK!

SPEAKER

You will talk for 4 minutes, after the Chairperson has introduced you. When you have finished you will be asked one question from the judges.

- Your talk should have an introduction, a main part containing an argument or debate, and then a conclusion.
- Your answer to the question from the judges doesn't have to be very long.
- Try to make your talk interesting by choosing a subject you know very well and are enthusiastic about!
- If appropriate, it helps if there is some humour in your presentation - just to cheer the audience up!

PROPOSER OF THE VOTE OF THANKS.

You will talk for 90 seconds after the Chairperson has introduced you.

- Talk about the topic for a short time and say what you have learned from the Speaker.
- Mention the question that was put to the Speaker.
- Thank the Speaker for their talk and ask the audience to show their appreciation.

CHAIRPERSON

You are in control of the presentation, and should make sure that your team is organised and walks smartly onto the platform - extra marks are given for this!!

- You sit in the middle of your team with the Speaker on your right, and the Vote of Thanks on your left.
- You introduce the members of your team and then the topic that your team are presenting. You talk for 90 seconds.
- After the Speaker has finished you ask if the Questioner would like to ask a question.
- You repeat the question to the Speaker, and then the Speaker answers it.
- After the Speaker has finished answering the question you introduce the person who is going to propose the Vote of Thanks.
- When he/she has finished you close the presentation by thanking everyone for coming, and then lead your team back to your seats.

WHAT HAPPENS?

There are three people in every team: a speaker, a chairperson and someone who will give the vote of thanks.

Everyone on the team is important! The team can choose whatever they like to talk about - so choose something that you find interesting, and then you will interest your audience!

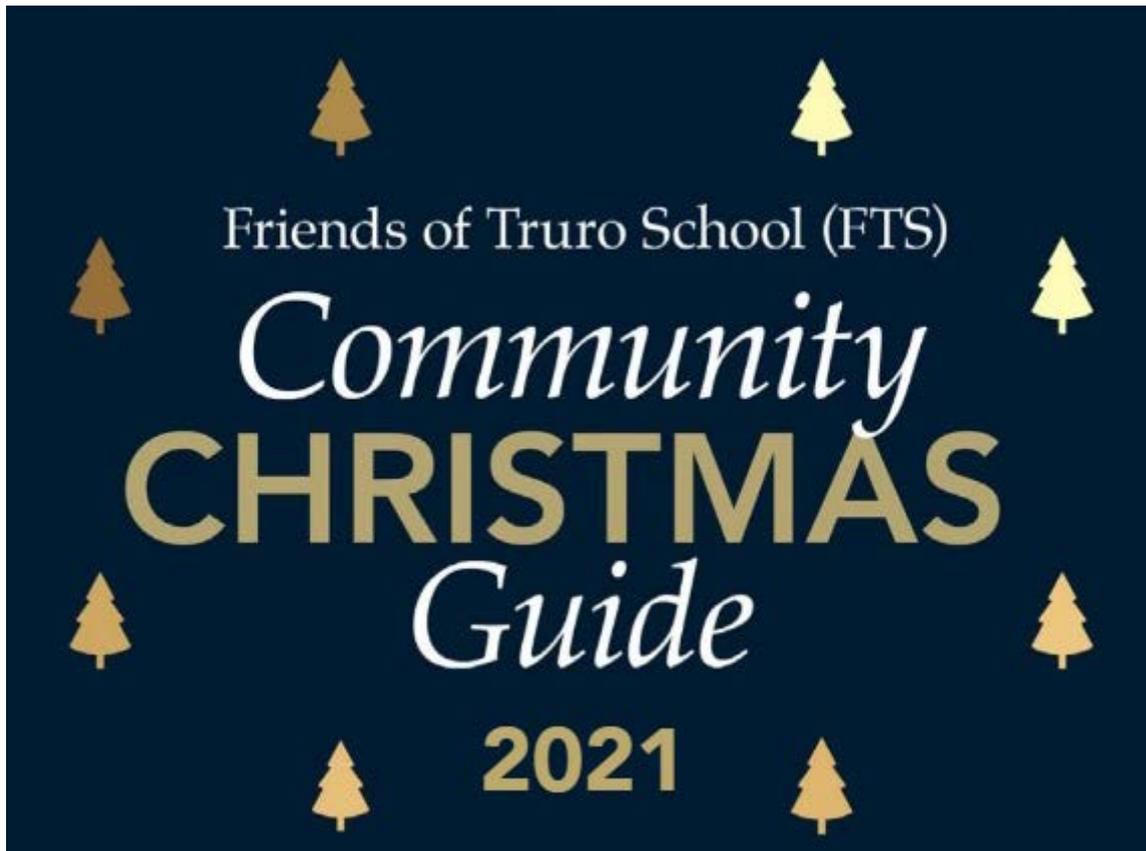
Your topic should be in the form of an argument or debate and can either be serious or humorous.

These are some topics that might give you some ideas -

- Brotherly love versus sibling rivalry.
- School - has it changed for the better since grandpa was a boy?
- Real books versus E books.
- School uniform - the pros and cons.
- Should parents attend parenting classes?
- Cats versus dogs as pets.
- Social media - good or bad?
- The pros and cons of living in Cornwall.
- Climate change and the environment.
- Coronavirus - life before and after the virus.
- Recycling/carbon reduction.
- How to keep fit and healthy.
- Fast food or healthy food?
- Homework - good or bad?
- Holidays - at home or abroad?
- The use of technology in schools.



The Friends of Truro School 2021 Community Christmas Guide



[The FTS Community Christmas Guide is here! The 2021 Guide is our biggest yet and a joyful celebration of the wonderful people who make up our Truro School Community. Click on the image above to view.](#)

FTS AGM

We are pleased to invite you to join us for our AGM on Wednesday 8 December. Everyone's welcome!

Wednesday 8 December 2021

6pm – 7pm

Location via Teams

The link to join has been sent via email - we hope to see you there!

TRURO SCHOOL COOKERY

Our cookery school made gifts and goodies are back.....all the jams, chutneys and stocking fillers you need this Christmas.



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